

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are active in the present application.

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed in this application is identical to the last-filed computer readable Sequence Listing in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/147,791 filed March 9, 1999. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), Applicants request that the Patent Office use the last filed computer readable Sequence Listing filed in the parent application as the computer readable form in the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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